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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated October 17, 2003, concerning the above-referenced patent application. As requested in the Notice, Applicant submits a corrected Amendment to the Claims corrected to list the status of claim 16 as "Currently Amended".

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows: